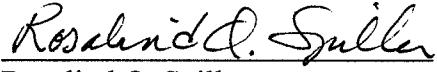


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action with a mailing date of July 24, 2007, response to which is due by October 24, 2007 with a one-month extension of time, a request and payment for which is included herewith, and which is therefore being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.